

FY 2019 Supplemental Request**LBB 2-59****Department: Department of Health and Welfare****Division: Public Health Services****Program: Emergency Medical Services****Description: EMS Grants****Sponsor(s):****Senator Lee****Rep Wintrow****Rep Amador****Senator Agenbroad****1. Background:**

The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Program requests \$300,000 in ongoing trustee and benefit payments from the Emergency Medical Services III Fund to award grants to local EMS agencies. Receipts into the fund are exceeding the appropriation amount and the department is having to reject grant applications because the requests exceed the appropriation. Revenue for the fund includes \$4.00 that is added to the cost of a driver's license and \$4.00 that is added to the costs for a class A, B, or C instruction permit. Moneys in the fund shall be used exclusively for the purpose of acquiring vehicles and equipment for use by emergency medical services personnel in the performance of their duties, which include highway safety and emergency responses to motor vehicle accidents. In FY 2017, there were \$1,097,361 in unfunded vehicle requests and \$447,071 in unfunded equipment requests. The request includes additional appropriation to maximize the use of the fund's purpose, especially in rural areas. The FY 2019 Original Appropriation for this fund is \$1,400,000, the estimated FY 2019 revenue is \$1,433,300, and the FY 2019 beginning cash balance was \$1,635,200. If the supplemental request is approved, the estimated ending cash balance for FY 2019 will be \$1,368,500.

2. Agency Request

Fund	Type	OT	FTP	PC	OE	CO	TB	LS	Total
0190-00	Ded		0.00	0	0	0	\$300,000	0	\$300,000
TOTAL			0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$300,000	\$0	\$300,000